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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006 in regards to the above-identified patent application.

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C 121 between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-21 and 35-40, drawn to a method of identifying a genomic source, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

Group II: Claims 22-34, drawn to a genomic nucleic acid sample, a kit comprising an SNP profile identification element and an analyte detection element, a collection of a plurality of different SNP profiles, and a nucleic acid array, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1 and class 435 subclass 287.2.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I set of claims (1-21 and 35-40) without traverse.

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